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ardly, unto the mouth

mouth, or southwardly, unto the mouth of the river which runneth towards the town of Providence, and from thence along the easterly side or bank of the said river, (higher called by the name of Sassaquonnet river) to the falls called Patuckett Falls, being the most westerly line of Plymouth Colony, and so from the said falls, in a straight line, due north, until it meet with the aforesaid line of the Massachusetts Colony; and bounded on the south by the ocean. And, in particular, the land here being to the towns of Providence, Patuckett

Pawcutuck, and the rest upon the main

tit, Warwick, Misquamicumcock, alias Pawcutuk, and the rest upon the main land in the tract aforesaid, together with Rhode-Island, and all the rest of the islands and banks in the Narragansett Bay, and bordering upon the coast of the tract aforesaid (Fisher's Island only excepted;) together, with all firm lands, soils, grounds, havens, ports, rivers, water, fishings, mines royal, and all other mines, minerals, precious stones, quarries, woods, wood-grounds, rocks, slates, and all and singular other commodities, jurisdictions, royalties, privileges, franchises, preeminences and hereditaments, whatsoever, within the said tract, bays, lands and islands, aforesaid, or to them or any of their belonging, or in any way appertaining: To have, and

Company, and their successors, forever.

and the same, unto the said Governor and Company, and their successors, forever, upon trust, for the use and benefit of themselves and their associates, freedom of the said colony, their heirs and assigns, to be holden of us, our heirs and successors, at the manor of East Greenwich, in our County of Kent, in free and common socage, and not in capite, nor by knight service. Yielding and paying therefore to us, our heirs and successors, only the fifth part of all the ore of gold and silver which from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall be there gotten, had, or obtained, in lieu and satisfaction of all

to be made, claims and demands whatso
ever in or for the said land

therefor, any grant or clause in a late grant, to the Governor and Company of Connecticut Colony in America, to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding. The afore said Pawcatuck river having been yielded after much debate, for the fixed and certain

by the agents thereof; who have also agreed that the said Pawcatuck river

by the agents thereof; who have also agreed that the said Pawcatuck river shall be also called alias Narragansett or Narragansett river and, to prevent future disputes, that otherwise might arise thereby, forever hereafter, shall be construed deemed, and taken to be the Narragansett river, in our late grant to Connecticut colony, mentioned as the easterly bound of that Colony. And further, our will and pleasure is, that in all matters of public controversy, which may fall out between our Colony of Providence Plantations and the rest of our Colonies in New England it shall and may be lawful to and for the

of Providence Plantations, to make their
appeals therein to us, our heirs and success

of Providence Plantations, to make their appeals therein to us, our heirs and successors, for redress in such cases, within this our realm of England: And that it shall be lawful to and for the inhabitants of the said Colony of Providence Plantations without let or molestation, to pass and repass, with freedom, into and through the rest of the English Colonies upon their

and hold commerce and trade with such o

lawful and civil occasions, and to converse
and hold commerce and trade with such
of the inhabitants of our other English Colo-
nies as shall be willing to admit them
thereunto, they behaving themselves peace-
ably among them: Any act, clause, or
sentence, in any of the said Colonies
provided, or that shall be provided, to the
contrary in any wise notwithstanding.
And lastly, we do, for us, our heirs and
successors, ordain and grant unto the said
Governor and Company, and their suc-
cessors, by these presents, that these our letters
patent, shall be firm, good, effectual, and
available in all things in the law, to be

soever, according to our true intent and meaning herein before declared: and shall

scores, according to our true intent and meaning herein before declared; and shall be construed, reputed, and adjudged in all cases, most favorably on the behalf, and for the best benefit and behoof of the said Governor and Company, and their successors; although express mention of the true yearly value or certainty of the premises, or any of them, or of any other gifts or grants by us, or by any of our progenitors or predecessors, heretofore made to the said Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, in the Narragansett Bay, New-England, in America, in these pre-

nance, provision, proclamation or restriction

WITNESS whereof, we have caused thes
our letters to be made patent. WITNES
myself at Westminster, the eighth day
July, in the fifteenth year of our reign.

(By the King.)
HOWARD.

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